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RE: Comment on draft Delta species list

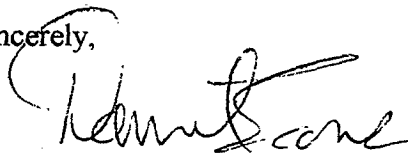
Dear Ms. Kie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Delta species list for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Conservation Strategy. The following are our recommendations for the list.

1. Include the Modesto Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia mailliardi*) on the list. The basis for this is PRBO's findings of no breeding Song Sparrows in areas of the Central Valley where they used to be found. Although the Modesto Song Sparrow is not currently a designated species of concern, we are in the process of sharing our findings relative to this subspecies with the state Dept. of Fish & Game so that it can be included on the Department's revised list of species of special concern.
2. Include Alameda Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia pusillula*), a federally-designated Species of Management Concern (USFWS 1995).

If you would like to receive any more information from us concerning our findings on the Modesto Song Sparrow, please do not hesitate to contact Nadav Nur. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Daniel Evans
Executive Director